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Wapishana language

Wapishana (Wapixana) is an Arawakan language of Guyana and Brazil.

Wapixana	
Native to	Guyana, Brazil
Ethnicity	Wapishana
Native speakers	13,000 (2000)[1]
Language family	Arawakan ▪ Northern ▪ Wapishanan (Rio Branco) ▪ **Wapixana**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`wap`
Glottolog	`wapi1253 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/wapi1253)`[2]

Kaufman (1994) considered Wapishana, Atorada, and Mapidian to be dialects. Aikhenvald (1999) separates Mawayana/Mapidian/Mawakwa (considered as a single language) from Wapishana, and she includes them in a Rio Branco branch. Ethnologue notes that Atorada has 50% lexical similarity with Wapishana and 20% with Mapidian, and that Wapishana and Mapidian share 10%.[1]

Language contact

Wapishana and Pemon, a Cariban language, have borrowed heavily from each other due to intensive mutual contact.[3]

Notes

1. Wapixana (https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/wap/) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Wapishana" (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/wapi1253). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
3. Ramirez, Henri (2019). *Enciclopédia das línguas arawak: acrescida de seis novas línguas e dois bancos de dados (http://www.etnolinguistica.org/arawak)*. (in press)

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